

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I would like to extend congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new role, I urge you to lead the support for the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan, as I understand it, will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. I understand that the Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan and that this keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, it is my understanding that people like me, who make few long distance calls, would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan if it is as it seems to me at this time. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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